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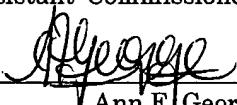
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (IF REQUIRED)

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In response to the Requirement for Restriction in the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, Applicants hereby elect Group II, namely Claims 26-38, and 40 for prosecution at this time. Applicants reserve the right to present the remaining claims in a divisional application at the appropriate time.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee for such extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-2746.

Respectfully submitted,



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